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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, everyone! WHAT A HOT SUMMER, hotter than last year! Is that even possible? Wow! I am hoping that many of you were able to stay very healthy and that you were able to attend at least one or more of the many Southern Gospel music events that are taking place both near and far.

Well, here we are in our new 2025 *Fall & Winter* issue of The Keystone Quarterly! Time seems to be going by so, so quickly. It sure does make me think about what I may be overlooking in life and each and every moment. In this issue, we feature a historian article about one of our many Hall Of Fame inductees, this one was inducted into the PSGMA Hall Of Fame back in 2006.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who are members of the PSGMA; we appreciate your continued support; please tell others about the PSGMA as well. If you are reading this and you are not yet a member, take a look at the bottom of the back cover of this issue and sign up today!

We hope to see you soon!

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12 original songs
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Format

- Acappella solos
- Using tracks to
sing as duet, trio,
quartet
- Some live
instruments



Howard B. Hagans, Jr., age 78 of Kinzers, PA, went home to meet the Lord at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, August 24, 2025. He was the husband of Edith Thompson Hagans, with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage on June 28th. He was born in Coatesville, son of the late Howard B. Sr., & Sarah C. Peiffer Hagans. He was an active member of Calvary Monument Bible Church of Paradise, PA. He was a career welder fabricator and after retirement, he drove school bus for Althouse Transportation. Howard dedicated his life to serving the Lord in many ways, through Campsite Ministries for over 33 years and in various singing ministries. His greatest joy was traveling and singing with his children in The Hagans Family for over 34 years. He was a devoted fan of the Phillies and the Eagles. He was a faithful Poppy, attending all of his grandchildren's activities and events. Surviving besides his wife are 3 children: Eric, husband of Leuza Hagans of Willow Street; Shannon, wife of Frank Heverin of Kinzers; April, wife of Darren Chang of Exton; 7 grandchildren: Anthony Gill, Rebecca Ivers, Radyja & Rakhshanda de Lima, Nathan & Madeline Heverin and Ruby Chang; 5 great grandchildren: Sophia, Rowan, Ember, Axel & Tidus and a sister Terryl S. Eckman of Willow Street. He was preceded in death by 2 siblings: Carol Ann Hagans & Dale K. Regener.

Howard was inducted into the PSGMA Hall of Fame in 2015.

His children posted, ““We are deeply saddened to share that our Dad, Howard, has gone home to be with the Lord. It was 19 days from his first trip to the hospital until God called him home. While our hearts are broken, we can rejoice that Dad is sheltered in the arms of God.”





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HISTORIAN ARTICLE

BOB JACOBS, INDUCTED 2006



Bob & Joy

BY DAVE THEIS



Joy's Sweet Smile

Bob Jacobs, one part of the well-known group, The Jacobs Brothers, has been an integral part of the Southern Gospel music and camp meeting ministry in this area and beyond for many, many years. This is just a summary from a recent interview with one of our 2006 PSGMA Hall of Fame inductees, Bob Jacobs.

- **When were you born? 1938**
- **How large was your family? He was one of 9 children.**
- **Where did you go to school? East Berlin High School, graduating in 1956. He hung out during and after graduation, shooting pool. Bob got spinal meningitis 4 months after high school graduation, lasting until 1957. He went into the military later in 1957, where he came to know the Lord.**



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Bob's Family



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- **Did you attend any colleges? Yes, Messiah and Bob Jones, graduating in 1965. Their commencement speaker was**



none other than Dwight D. Eisenhower.

- **Where did you work? He worked at CertainTeed, on 3rd shift before, during and after college. He also worked at Bittering's canning company in Hanover.**
- **When did you begin your Jacobs Brothers ministry? They started their ministry in 1962.**
- **At what point did you meet the love of your life? He married Joy Neidig in 1967, the daughter of a door-to-door Bible salesman. Joy also went to Messiah College and later became an author.**
- **Did you and Joy have any children? Yes, They had 3 boys: Rob, Ric and Dave.**



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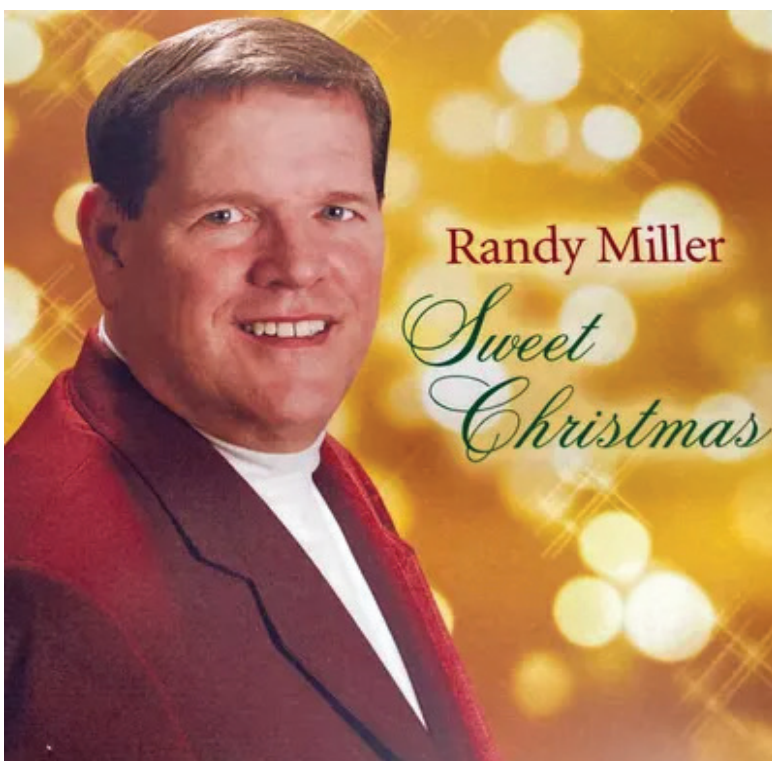
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CONTINUING ON THE NARROW ROAD

BY DOUGLAS KOCH



This time of year you expect the temperatures to lower and in PA, the humidity to drop, but this year it seems like it has already done so a month or so early. Those that do outdoor events this time of year enjoy it more, breathing the pollen and sweat in the heat. But too many days have gone by, not just in our lifetime, but since the last time we were visited or have visited friends and loved ones. When I was living in the Mechanicsburg area, Dr. Brian Rosenbaum and I were inseparable. We would be together either at his home, at the Why At the Well facility, or simply to get him into his van and drive off. It seems that when we either get separated by miles or other distractions, we lose touch. And maybe you don't lose touch, but you don't reach out nearly as often as you should. Proverbs 18:24 tells us, "There are companions ready to crush one another, but there is also a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

I have recently reached out to a friend of mine. We were close during our school years and even a couple of years after that. My friend Dave went on to Oyster Bay, New York for Bible School and became a pastor in the Reading, PA area. He has been pastoring in places like Clarion and Philadelphia areas as well, but due to his mother's health, he moved back to the same area that I now reside in, Tower City, PA. Dave had reached out to me about getting together for some fellowship and my first thought was this was great! Of course, time ran its course and a couple of weeks went by until we were able to get together. When I arrived at his house, I noticed that Dave was built like my old self and like Brian as well (large). We talked about some of our good and bad times together, until we got to the real reason we were drawn back together. You see, Dave was now homebound. He was not able to leave the house due to his size and health issues. He shared with me how he misses the fellowship of other men who are believers. He misses the social interaction of others around him. His daily prayer would be, "Lord, I am ready to come home", but the Lord said, "Not yet, Dave". Those of us that can get around freely and come and go as we please sometimes take this freedom that God has given us for granted.

So, what I am saying is that if you haven't seen or reached out to a friend that you haven't talked to in years, maybe you need to do so. I know we all have aches and pains and time is never on our side, but what you don't know is maybe that friend is hurting or in need of prayer. Maybe they need the fellowship of another Christian, just to converse. Or, maybe you are the one hurting and they may be able to lift you up as well. One of the last articles written by our dear brother Dr. Brian Rosenbaum was about relationships. As a Christian, the primary relationship you have is with Jesus Christ, but other relationships are also in need of fellowship.

In Hebrews 13:16 it says, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased." Though these things may not seem like a sacrifice, try to give up some time for a friend or maybe even someone in need.

So, I ask you: Do you have someone that you have not reached out to in some time? Do you know of someone that needs your fellowship for just a fleeting moment? Do it now, because they may be hurting. Do it before their time on earth has ended! I know AT&T used to say, "Reach Out and Touch Someone", but I like to use Ephesians 4:12, "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ!"

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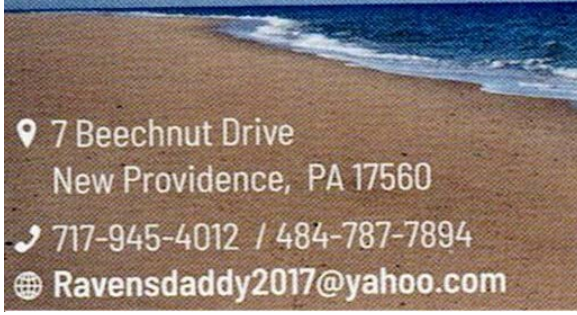
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NATIONAL QUARTET CONVENTION TIMELINE

BY DUANE NICHOLSON



The 2025 National Quartet Convention (NQC) of Southern Gospel Music just concluded in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Looking back, The Couriers were invited to sing at NQC as early as 1959 in Memphis, Tennessee. We continued appearing in Memphis and later on in Nashville, Tennessee. We retired in 1980 and then resumed singing part time in the middle 1980's. The next change of venue took the NQC to Louisville, Kentucky. We were invited to make a cameo appearance at Louisville and received a plaque thanking The Couriers for our long history in Gospel Music. In 2014, the NQC was moved to its present location in Louisville. During this time, the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame was still being held at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It was separate from the NQC event. When the Hall of Fame contract with Dollywood was not renewed, the Hall Of Fame was without a home to house all the thousands of items, including plaques of all the Hall of Fame individuals. It was then that the NQC board stepped up and incorporated the Hall of Fame events into the yearly National Quartet Convention and a ministry in Pigeon Forge provided part of its building to house the displays of hundreds of items!

I took my immediate family through the Hall of Fame display and realized that a great amount of the names we saw there are men and women I had sung on stage with since 1958!

Upon walking the halls of this year's convention and hearing the groups sing, I was so pleased to see and feel that these groups of today are sharing their talents with anointing and excellence! We need to support them.

Until next time, my heart will go on singing...



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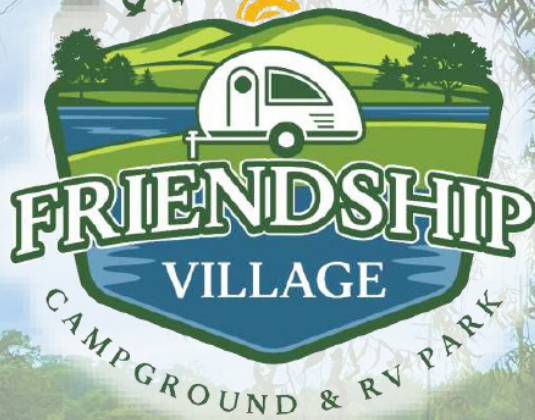
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